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10 Varanasi	11 Chennai	12 Patna
13 Secunderabad	14 Thiruvanthapuram	15 Ahmedabad
16 Bhubaneswar	17 Mathura	18 Bangalore
19 Bhopal		

Selling of railway tickets

†2694. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

a) the value of tickets in rupees which were sold from railway booking counters in each zone during the financial year 2004-05 and 2005-06, year-wise;

(b) the value of tickets in rupees which were sold each year, class-wise;

(c) the number of passengers apprehended for travelling illegally and without ticket in every zone each year during these years; and

(d) the details of district headquarters which have round the clock arrangements for selling tickets in addition to zonal headquarters in each railway zone, where tickets are sold round the clock, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The value of tickets in rupees (earnings on originating basis) which were sold from railway booking counters in each zone, class-wise and year-wise, for the financial years 2004-05 and 2005-06 is given below:-

(Rupees in thousands)

Railway	Air Conditioned Class		A.C. Sleeper		A.C. 3 Tier		A.C. Chair Car	
	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Central	65181	62309	895882	8900075	1377389	1467007	109719	116465
Eastern	69227	67013	453762	422993	803857	932549	141317	162184
East Central	29662	28649	228858	259833	484140	565454	35569	43899
East Coast	26913	30959	256115	284891	360085	437905	28813	33417
Northern	476780	532622	2339451	2568259	3681355	4543409	1345418	1611346
North Central	72481	77957	439887	473116	433639	466396	118095	127016
North Eastern	11759	14605	157301	168207	197420	271335	4516	8024
Northeast Frontier	22440	22628	304246	322429	617776	795469	8558	11018
North Western	27092	30119	271456	321098	421403	539435	66635	71115
Southern	115210	130593	1035779	1090273	1617491	1861816	284016	330768
South Central	59054	60531	615979	622849	805598	957371	69962	71523
South Eastern	65628	68061	393666	418555	629108	755675	122382	144057
South East Central	14583	14790	167016	186869	197955	263838	2094	3989
South Western	42860	47071	470788	480453	652629	749927	174398	192794
Western	140593	128655	1151289	1183267	2043998	2191157	506276	491024
West Central	51737	56420	297783	324736	348072	379577	62325	67966
Total all Railways	1291200	1372982	9479258	10017903	14671915	17178320	3080093	3486605

Railway	First class		Sleeper class		Second Class		Total all classes	
	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Central	760100	824952	4994365	5355782	9017947	9090312	17220583	17806902
Easter	7382	7035	1617219	1803148	5640673	5946846	8733437	9341768
East Central	5162	10523	1698707	2013291	5189993	51831037	7672091	8752686

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
East Coast	4568	7609	1145256	1277216	1517261	1624800	3339011	3696797
Northern	87466	70674	7424959	8561153	11598522	12214308	26953931	30101771
North Central	130592	140456	1607088	1728487	3446618	3706972	6248400	6720400
North Eastern	8635	8307	1206516	1435122	3685802	3794895	5171949	5700495
Northeast Frontier	60931	55743	1527622	1716807	1214447	1482259	3756020	4406353
North Western	24442	14609	1441191	1601269	2288112	2450426	4540331	5028071
Southern	114663	129879	4738560	5130628	6054323	6559244	13960042	15233201
South Central	11015	7995	3171023	3428234	5006037	5138497	9738668	10287000
South Eastern	8074	14739	1644751	1829916	2183058	2352044	5046667	5583047
South East Central	8072	10001	661600	760599	1471168	1633619	2522488	2873705
South Western	10254	10464	1676945	1922005	2044396	2413803	5072270	5816517
Western	1024055	1113348	4305110	4664122	8735076	8829372	17906397	18600945
West Central	2442	2663	1135798	1231670	2111043	2295187	4009200	4358219
Total all Railways	2267833	2428997	3999710	44459449	71104476	75363621	141891485	154307877

(c) The number of ticketless/irregular travel year-wise on each zone during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06 is as under;

Railway	No. of persons detected travelling without tickets/ withimproper tickets (Figures in lakhs)	
	2004-05	2005-06
1	2	3
Central	7.42	5.71
Eastern	5.72	3.47
East Central	4.55	2.62
East Coast	1.21	0.76
Northern	17.74	10.36
North Central	6.04	4.21
North Eastern	4.03	2.68

1	2	3
Northeast Frontier	1.67	1.28
North Western	2.45	1.92
Southern	2.74	2.26
South Central	6.85	4.99
South Eastern	2.16	1.20
South East Central	1.68	0.88
South Western	1.24	0.98
Western	9.18	6.16
West Central	2.95	2.49
TOTAL	77.63	51.97

(d) Booking offices are opened round the clock at all important stations except at stations where no trains are scheduled during night time.

Gauge conversion between Ahmedabad and Udaipur

2695. SHRI VIJAYKUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) by when the work of gauge conversion between Ahmedabad and Udaipur would be started;

(b) whether there is any budget provision in Railway's budget for the project;

(c) whether it is possible to accord priority to this section by Railways; and

(d) whether it is possible to introduce "Palace on Wheels" type tourist attraction on this route and create a tourism circuit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) This is not a sanctioned project.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.